

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to this Supplemental Amendment / Response to Office Communication, an Amendment / Response to Office Action was mailed December 7, 2009, a Supplemental Amendment was faxed to the Examiner on February 25, 2010, and another Supplemental Amendment was faxed to the examiner on February 27, 2010.

In the Office Communication from the Examiner dated March 3rd, 2010, the Examiner noted that the claim amendments were erroneously indicated relative to the last discussed claims and not relative to the entered claims (i.e., those mailed on December 7, 2009).

Accordingly, in this Supplemental Amendment, applicants have corrected the claim amendment format to indicate all changes relative to the claims entered for the December 7, 2009 response. This Supplemental Amendment is therefore responsive to the Office Communication dated March 3rd, 2010.

Claims 1, 3-9, 11, 12, 14-21, 23-25, 28-31, 33, 35-41, 43-49, 51, 53-66, 69-78, 80-90, 92-93, and 95-113 stand in the application. Claims 1, 33, 63, 65, 66, 78, 102, and 108 are in independent form. Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reason, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 3-9, 11, 12, 14-21, 23-25, 28-31, 33, 35-41, 43-49, 51, 53-66, 69-78, 80-90, 92-93, and 95-113 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (360) 750-9931 if it appears that an additional interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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